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May 13, 2002

Paul Baker  
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed are copies of inspection reports of three notice project areas. The Division's small mine tracking number are at the bottom of each report. Apparently, the operators of record to notices UTU66357 and 66358 combined these into one UDOGM operation. The total unreclaimed disturbances associated with both these areas is greater than 5 acres. I am uncertain if the Division should or has required the operator of record to post a bond. Because these are two separate notices, our office has not required the posting of a bond. These two operators have failed to reclaim and are in noncompliance.

If the operators wish to continue notice level operations past January 20, 2003, they will have to post a financial guarantee with the BLM.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Sokolosky  
Geologist

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## 3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

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Date: April 16, 2002 Time: about 10:45 am Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 Lots 6 and 13 and W2SENW

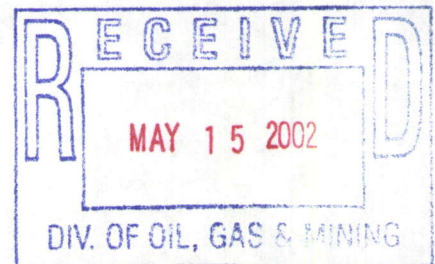
Operator present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66354 (Haslem project area) Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): Since the prior inspection (conducted May 14, 2001) the project area has undergone reshaping and seeding. On September 27, 2001, Mr. Haslem had notified our office that the earthwork had been completed and brought by the seed bag tag to the Vernal Field Office (an October 18, 2001 field visit to the area by Peter Sokolosky revealed reshaping of the area and filling of test pits had taken place; however, no formal I&E report was registered to the surface management file). Some grasses and forbes were emerging within the reshaped area; however, lack of precipitation in the area may retard the emergence of desirable plant species. A vehicle had driven in an east-west direction through about the center of the reshaped area. A "reclaimed areas - no vehicular traffic" sign was erected where an old 2-track road enters the western part of the reshaped area.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): Yes. The operator of record has conducted reshaping and seeding of the area in accordance with decision letters issued by this office. The area will continue to be monitored by the Vernal Field Office and will provide the operator appropriate advisories about the need to conduct any remedial reclamation measures until such time as the area is reclaimed to the satisfaction of the BLM.

	name/title	date
Inspector	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	May 1, 2002
Management	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMMR	May 2, 2002



Attachment: Digital images

Distribution: original to surface management case file UTU66354  
Copy - UDOGM - state file no. S/047/48 (via email)





image 1 - view to east of northern part of the project area which has been reshaped and seeded (between the arrows); "no vehicular travel" sign is on post at right-center. Tracks left by vehicular travel are between the up and down arrows